

BRANCHES OF BAPTIST DENOMINATION TO GATHER IN ST. LOUIS NEXT WEEK

Every State and Territory and Delegates From Adjacent Countries Are Expected to Attend Business Meetings and Services to Be Held at Third Church—More Harmony of Action Looked for as a Result, Especially in the Foreign Missionary Field.



For the first time since the secession movement in the Baptist Church in 1865 both branches of that denomination will gather in St. Louis in fraternal meeting at the Third Baptist Church next Tuesday evening.

The Baptists, like many other churches about that time, were contending on the slavery question which eventually resulted in a dissolution at the triennial convention in 1845 and the formation of the Northern and Southern branches of the church.

The national meetings of the various societies and boards of the two branches since then have been held annually, the Northern Baptists calling the meeting "anniversaries," while that of the South was called "the Southern Baptist Convention."

The separation had hardly been effected when efforts began to be made to again bring about a union of the two forces.

Until the present move was inaugurated, largely through the efforts of the Reverend Doctor J. H. Armstrong of the Central Baptist of this city, nothing, however, was accomplished that would tend to fraternal union.

At present those most concerned can see no special benefit to be derived from an organic union of the two branches of the Baptist Church, and the meeting Tuesday is not intended to bring about that result.

Arrangements will be made if possible to hold a fraternal meeting of that character each year and these convocations, it is hoped, by the leaders of both branches will bring about a more marked union, especially in the foreign missionary field, where a pooling of interests is made almost inevitable because of conditions there.

The Southern Baptist Convention is now in progress in Kansas City and the Baptist Society will be in St. Louis Saturday evening May 13. The fraternal meeting will make up part of the time.

It is estimated that 2,500 will come to this city representing every State and Territory and besides many additional constituents for the purpose of attending this meeting.

It is the first time that both annual meetings have been held in the same State and the fitness of selecting Missouri for the meeting has recently commented upon as being appropriate.

The officers and members of local committees have been appointed as follows:

P. W. Washington, chairman; the Reverend W. A. Morris, Vice-chairman; A. J. Brown, M. J. Brooks, Vice-chairman; the Reverend Louis S. Hornhouse, secretary; No. 1, Edward A. Brown, J. D. Bassett, S. A. Morris, W. A. Morris, A. L. Abbott.

A. E. Tate, Roy E. Jones, J. W. Williams, and Hotel-Charles P. Foster, members; W. C. Moore, G. C. Green, L. M. Hall, J. R. Eaton, E. G. Davis, J. D. Barton, and others, appointed.

John Bassett, S. A. W. Chason, John Bassett, H. C. Howell, R. L. Gurney, J. C. Payne.

Transportation—The Reverend M. J. Bradley, the Reverend J. C. Schaefer, the Reverend F. L. Johnson, the Reverend J. W. Bassett, J. P. Lovewell, H. G. Hunter, Thomas Hart, and others; the Reverend H. S. Bassett, J. C. Lovell, Charles P. Foster, Andrew Anderson, Alexander H. Bassett, G. C. Green, L. W. Roberts, and others—John Bassett, president.

BAPTIST DELEGATES COMMITTEE.

W. C. Bassett, chairman; Paul Jones, vice-chairman; A. D. Bassett, J. J. LaFever, W. G. Bassett, J. W. Bassett, J. E. Bassett, J. C. Lovell, H. V. Bassett, John Steger, M. J. Brooks, M. J. Brooks, Charles P. Foster, H. G. Hunter, H. G. Hunter, Thomas Hart, and others; the Reverend H. S. Bassett, J. C. Lovell, Charles P. Foster, Andrew Anderson, Alexander H. Bassett, G. C. Green, L. W. Roberts, and others—John Bassett, president.

BAPTIST DELEGATES ENGAGE 150 CARRIAGES.

The Hotel Jefferson which is to be the headquarters of the National Baptist Association during the week of May 13, has reserved more than 30 rooms and preparations are being made for the reception of the ministers and their families.

A special train in charge of W. M. May of Boston, Mass., will arrive in St. Louis on Tuesday evening, bringing the Boston and New England delegations to the convention of the ministers of this city and expected to Jefferson.

A livery company is making plans to have 150 carriages at the station to take the large crowd from the station to the hotel.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC.

"Growing Up for God," (Eph. 4: 11-16)—Union Meeting With the Juniors.

BY AMOS R. WELLS.

"If there is one lesson more clear than another," says the Reverend D. J. H. Ward, "it is that God means for humanity to grow up. He wants us to grow up in health into matured powers. There is no royal road to learning—or to anything else. It is only through apprenticeship that we learn. We must learn to walk before we can run. We must learn to write before we can print. We must learn to speak before we can write. We must learn to think before we can act. We must learn to live before we can die."

It pleased him that in nature, or in grace, there was no such lesson as this. And he said, "There is no such lesson as this in all the books of the world."

Once a rich man was looking for an estate along the banks of Hudson River on which to build his house. He was unable to find one that he could buy. While the upward climb of the surface might have been more modest toward the little path was not his.

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He might have placed his children on a height, where they could see far, to teach them to climb. While the upward climb of the surface might have been more modest toward the little path was not his.

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